

## **THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MENDOCINO GOES WIRELESS**

Ukiah, CA -The Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino announced today they are offering high-speed wireless Internet access in the Jury Assembly Room, located at 100 North State Street, Ukiah, California. The Mendocino joins a growing trend of California courts to offer this useful and innovative technology.

Ben Stough, Executive Officer, believes the initiative reflects the Court's consistent commitment to providing useful and innovative technology to improve the judicial process. "The wireless data service allows waiting jurors to conduct online research, transfer files, send and receive e-mail with attachments, and access databases," says Stough.

Robert Parrott, Information Services Manager for the Court, says, "Frequently we are seeing summoned jurors bring their notebook computers to jury duty to help pass time. Providing WiFi access enables them to surf the Internet and keep in touch with their family or employer while waiting to go in the courtroom, at very little cost to the court."

The new service is being provided by Pacific Internet, Ukiah's first and only local Internet Service Provider, to provide summoned jurors with wireless Internet access. Jurors may bring in notebook computers or PDA's with either 802.11b or 802.11g wireless network cards and connect to the Internet at no charge.